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Environmental Awareness
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has created awareness on environmental issues at the village level and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether there is any proposal for training and capacity - building to cope with natural calamities and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Environment, Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT) scheme of the Ministry was launched in 1983-84 with the basic objective to promote environmental awareness among all sections of the society and to mobilize people's participation for preservation and conservation of environment. This scheme is dealing with non-formal education and has an impact on educating the people and bringing awareness about conservation and upgradation of environment.

(b) and (c) Under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project being implemented by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change with the assistance of the World Bank that has been approved by CCEA in March, 2010. In this Project there is a component for capacity building that has been revised in July, 2015 with a total budget outlay of Rs.64.76 crore. Under this capacity building various training programmes, workshops, seminar, etc., are being organized for the coastal communities, stakeholders in the coastal areas and other Governmental Departments including at village level in the areas of coastal disaster management, ecosystem conservation and management sustainable development in coastal areas etc. Presently the above Project is being implemented in the coastal States of Gujarat, Odisha and West Bengal. The above capacity building activity alongwith all other activities shall be completed by December, 2017.

Also as per the information received from National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) Government of India has established a National Institute of Disaster Management, a statutory body under the Disaster Management Act 2005, by upgrading the erstwhile National Centre for Disaster Management (under Indian Institute of Public Administration), and mandated for training and capacity building including research, documentation, policy planning and awareness on all aspects of disaster management. As per the mandate given in the National DM Act 2005, the NIDM has developed a National Human Resource Development Plan on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction in year 2012. National Institute of Disaster Management coordinates with various national, state and international agencies in organizing training programmes.
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